

## V. INVENTORY OF PARKS & FACILITIES

The department has a wide variety of developed parks and undeveloped park sites located throughout the community. The parks range in size from the small mini-parks of less than five acres to Lick Creek Park, which includes over 500 acres of natural area. The park system has developed over the past three decades with many neighborhood and mini-parks located in close proximity to established residential areas. **Table 5 on page V-2** provides a summary of facilities found in these parks.

Park zones were established using major thoroughfares and other natural or man-made boundaries to define an area that can be typically served by pedestrian or bicycle traffic. Each of these identified park zones will typically have several neighborhood parks and one community park. Park zones and individual parks were illustrated in **Map E, page I-13**. **Table 6 on page V-3** provides a quick reference list of all parks and facilities. This information is presented in a “cross reference” format to facilitate use by residents. A more detailed description of each developed park, park site, and major facility in the system follows. This inventory includes size, date of acquisition, major improvements, and sources of funding, along with other background information.

In addition, there are other recreational facility resources available to College Station residents. These are provided by the private sector and by other public agencies such as the College Station Independent School District. **Table 7 on page V-4** provides an overview of private sector and school district facilities, which are available to the public. Hensel Park, owned by Texas A&M University, is open to use by residents of the community. This park serves as a community park for citizens located in Park Zone 1. The City of College Station has contributed funds for specific improvements in this park several times in past years. The lack of potential park land available in Zone 1 suggests that this will continue to serve as the primary park for that zone in the future.



*Playgrounds are “standard-based” facilities that are routinely included in each neighborhood and community park design unless the public input process specifically determines that they are not required.*

**TABLE 5**

**PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

**SUMMARY OF FACILITIES<sup>1</sup>**

<b>FACILITY</b>	<b>NUMBER</b>
Adult Soccer Fields	11 (4 lighted)
Adult Softball Fields	6 lighted
Amphitheater	1
Basketball Courts	17 full and 5 half courts
Cemetery	1
Conference Centers	1
Developed Parks	33
Exercise Stations	3
Jogging/Walking Trails	20
Maintenance Shops	5
Nature Trails	4
Outdoor Swimming Pools	3
Pavilions	6
Play Units	35
Ponds	7
Public Art	5 <sup>3</sup>
Recreation Centers	2
Sand Volleyball Courts	7
Shelters	16
State Historic Sites	3
Teen Center	1
Tennis Courts	27 <sup>2</sup>
Youth Baseball Fields	9 (lighted)
Youth Soccer Fields	8
Youth Softball Fields	4 (3 lighted)

<sup>1</sup>Does not include facilities at Hensel Park (TAMU) or the CSISD Natatorium.

<sup>2</sup>Includes nine courts at the High School and four at the Middle School.

<sup>3</sup>Public art at Eastgate, Cy Miller (Police Station), Richard Carter, Veterans, and Wolf Pen Creek.



TABLE 6

# College Station Park System Inventory

PARK NAME	PARK TYPE	ACREAGE	DEVELOPMENT	RESTROOMS	SHELTERS	PAVILIONS	PICNIC UNITS	PLAY UNITS	OPEN PLAY EA	PONDS	NATURE TRAIL	JOGGING/WALKING	EXERCISE STATION	BASKETBALL COURT	SOCCER FIELDS	SOFTBALL FIELDS	BASEBALL FIELDS	TENNIS COURTS	VOLLEYBALL COURT	SWIMMING POOL	PARKING SPACES	PUBLIC ART	OTHER
ANDERSON	N	8.94	D	O	O			●1	●			●		●2	●5						30		
BEE CREEK - Arboretum	C	43.50	D	O		O 2	●3	●3	●	●						O 2		O4	●	O	237		
BILLIE MADELEY	N	5.14	D																				
BRISON	N	9.20	D						●			●1/3									10		
BROTHERS POND	N	16.12	D		●		●3	●1	●	●	●	●1/2	●	●1/2									
CASTLEGATE	N	4.35	D		●			●1	●			●		●1				●2					
CEMETERY		18.50	D																				State Historic
CENTRAL	C	47.20	D	O	O 2	O	●9	O 1	●	●2	●	O 1		●1	●3	O 4		O 2	●		297		Park Office
CONFERENCE CENTER		2.30	D	O																	76		Park Annex
CY MILLER	M	2.50	D		●		●1		●	●		●1/3										O	Police
EASTGATE	M	1.80	D						●													O	
EDEWLWEISS	N	12.30	D		●			●1				●		●1	●				●		10		
EDEWLWEISS GARTENS	N	7.74	U																				
EMERALD FOREST	N	4.59	D				●2	O 1				●1/3		O 1/2									
GABBARD	N	10.70	D		●		●1	●1	●	●		●1/3											
GEORGIE K. FITCH	N	11.30	D		●		●2	●1	●					O 1									
HENSEL (TAMU)	C	29.70	D	O	●2	O 3	●4	●1	●			●							●		70		TAMU
JACK & DOROTHY MILLER	N	10.00	D		●		●2	●2	●			●1/3	●	●1									
LEMONTREE	N	15.40	D	O			●3	●1	●			●3/4		●1/2		O 1					30		
LICK CREEK	R	515.50	U								●										60		
LIONS	M	1.50	D				●3	O 2						O1/2							10		
LONGMIRE	N	4.16	D				●2																
LUTHER JONES	M	1.80	D						●							●1							
MERRY OAKS	N	4.60	D				●2	●1	●			●1/3		●1									
OAKS	N	7.50	D	O		O	●7	●1	●			●1/4		●1					O				
PARKWAY	M	1.90	D				●1	●1	●												6		
PEBBLE CREEK	N	10.20	D		●		●2	●2	●			●1/2		●1									
RAINTREE	N	13.00	D		●		●2	●1				O							●				
RICHARD CARTER	N	7.14	D						●													●	State Historic
SANDSTONE	N	15.21	D		●			●1	●			●1/3		●1							48		
SHENANDOAH	N	12.10	U																				
SOUTHEAST	C	62.00	U																				
SOUTHWEST	N	4.78	U																				
SOUTHWOOD ATHLETIC	C	44.70	D	O		O		●2	●					O 2	O 5		O 6	O 4	●	O	544		Teen Center
STEEPLECHASE	N	9.00	U																				
THOMAS	C	16.10	D			O	●5	●4	●			O 1/3	●	●2				O 2		O	27		
UNIVERSITY	N	10.20	U																				
VETERANS ATHLETIC	RA	150.00	D	O											O2●4	O 2					406	O	
W.A. TARROW (W. Smith)	C	21.26	D	O	O		●2	O 3	●			●1/3		O 2			O 3				200		Lincoln Center State Historic
WESTFIELD	N	4.29	U																				
WINDWOOD	M	1.37	D				●2	●1															
WOLF PEN CREEK	C	19.49	D	O	O	O	●	O 1	●	●		●1/2									36	O	Amphitheater
WOODCREEK	N	6.60	D				●2	O 1	●			●1/3		O1/2					O				
WOODLAND HILLS	M	3.21	U																				
WOODWAY	N	9.26	U																				

## PARK SUMMARY\*

QUANTITY	PARK TYPE	TOTAL ACREAGE
7	Mini	14.08
26	Neighborhood	233.82
8	Community	254.25
1	Regional Nature	515.50
1	Regional Athletic	150.00
<b>43 Total Parks ~ 1,167.65 Total Park Acreage</b>		

## KEY

- O - Lighted Facilities
- - Unlighted Facilities
- M - Mini Park
- N - Neighborhood Park
- C - Community Park
- R - Regional Park
- RA - Regional Athletic Park
- D - Developed
- U - Undeveloped
- State Historic - State Marker on site

\* *Hensel Park, Cemetery, and Conference Center are not included in acreage totals.*

**TABLE 7**

**PRIVATE SECTOR AND OTHER PUBLIC FACILITIES**  
*Inventory of Recreation Facilities in College Station*

**College Station Independent School District**

1 Indoor Pool	13 Lighted and 4 Unlighted Tennis Courts
3 Jogging Trails	3 Football Fields
12 Gyms	2 Baseball Fields
9 Playgrounds	

**College Station ISD Facility Actual Acreage**

Football .....2.0 Acres	Baseball .....2.5 Acres
Softball..... 1.0 Acre	Soccer Practice 1.....2.0 Acres
Practice 1 .....2.0 Acres	Soccer Practice 2.....1.5 Acres
Bandfield .....1.5 Acres	Jr. High Football.....2.0 Acres
Southwood Valley Playground .....3.0 Acres	South Knoll Playground.....5.5 Acres
A&M Consolidated Middle School.....7.0 Acres	Oakwood Playground .....3.0 Acres
College Hills Playground .....2.5 Acres	Cypress Grove Playground .....3.5 Acres

**Private Facilities Available for Public Use**

1 Bowling Center	3 Health Clubs
1 Roller Skating Rink	2 Gymnastic Instruction Centers
1 Miniature Golf Course	1 Batting Practice Facility
1 Golf Driving Range	3 Recreational Vehicle (RV) Parks
1 Auto Racetrack	1 Movie Theater (16 Screens)
1 Ballroom	9 Dance Schools
2 Billiard Parlors	2 Picnic Pavilions (Hensel Park TAMU)

Below is a description of the parks in College Station.

### **ANDERSON PARK**

**Location:** 900 Anderson, Corner of Anderson and Holleman

**Zone:** 6

**Size:** 8.94 Acres

**Classification:** Neighborhood Park

**Date Acquired:** 1979

**Purchase Price:** \$165,774.42

**Park Description:** Anderson Park was designed primarily to alleviate overcrowding on the few soccer fields that existed at the time. The park contains five youth soccer fields of various sizes, along with two basketball courts, a playground, a shelter with rest rooms, and parking for 30 cars. Funding for development was through the 1981 bond issue. Anderson Park is dedicated to Reverend Norman Anderson who was Minister of College Station A&M Presbyterian Church from 1928-1963.

### **BEE CREEK PARK and ARBORETUM**

**Location:** 1900 Anderson, off Southwest Parkway

**Zone:** 6

**Size:** 26.5 Acres (Bee Creek); 17 Acres (Arboretum)

**Classification:** Community Park

**Date Acquired:** 1946; 1975

**Purchase Price:** Park Land Dedication

**Park Description:** In 1973, the city designated 18 acres of the city cemetery for the creation of Bee Creek Park, the site of College Station's first swimming pool. Adamson Lagoon Pool, a 50-meter pool with a separate wading pool, is named in honor of former A&M swim coach Art Adamson. The park also contains four lighted tennis courts, two lighted softball fields, a pavilion, sand volleyball court, picnic units, two playgrounds, and a concession building with restrooms. There is on-site parking for 237 cars. Partial funding for this park was provided by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Project No. 48-00230, in the amount of \$207,850.

The D.A. "Andy" Anderson Arboretum, originally called the Brazos County Arboretum, was founded in 1976 as part of the USA Bicentennial celebration. The College Station City Council designated that this area would be used as an arboretum, i.e., a place where trees and shrubs are cultivated for educational and scientific purposes. On 17 wooded acres bounded by the cemetery, Bee Creek, and Business 6, the Arboretum contains a shelter and an interpretive trail system that emphasizes native Texas plants. It was renamed in 1986, in honor of D.A. Anderson, a former Mayor of College Station. Partial funding for this park was provided by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

### **BILLIE MADELEY PARK SITE**

**Location:** 760 Sunny Lane (access from City of Bryan, S. Rosemary only)

**Zone:** 2

**Size:** 5.14 Acres

**Classification:** Neighborhood Park

**Date Acquired:** August 1997

**Purchase Price:** Donation

**Park Description:** The land for Billie Madeley Park was donated by Edward and Billie Madeley during the

summer of 1997. It is a heavily wooded site with a small creek traversing the center of it. As per Mr. Madeley's wishes, no building will be constructed on this site. Development includes sidewalks and small bridges. The park offers good opportunities for nature study.

### **BRISON PARK**

**Location:** 400 Dexter, off George Bush Drive

**Zone:** 6

**Size:** 9.2 Acres

**Classification:** Neighborhood Park

**Date Acquired:** 1947

**Purchase Price:** Donation

**Park Description:** Brison Park, formerly known as Dexter Park, was renamed in 1980 in honor of Fred Brison, a College Station City Councilman, Mayor pro tem from 1971-1974, and a member of the Texas A&M University Horticultural Faculty for 43 years. The park is a beautifully wooded green space, protected from development by deed restrictions. The park has a one-third mile jogging trail and parking for ten cars. A seasonal stream runs the length of the park. Twelve lights were installed in the park as a memorial tribute to the twelve Aggies who lost their lives in the collapse of the 1999 Bonfire.

### **BROTHERS POND PARK**

**Location:** 3100 Rio Grande, off Deacon

**Zone:** 5

**Size:** 16.12 Acres

**Classification:** Neighborhood Park

**Date Acquired:** 1977, 1978

**Purchase Price:** Park Land Dedication - 7.5 Acres; Purchase Price for 8.55 Acres - \$132,834.90

**Park Description:** Brothers Pond Park was named for the one-acre pond located near the center of the park that was the playground of the Fitch brothers as they were growing up. The site varies in topography from a flat, open area to a rolling, wooded area traversed by an intermittent stream. Development of the site includes pond and drainage improvements, nature trails, picnic units, half basketball court, playground, shelter, practice fields, and a 1/2-mile jogging trail with exercise stations. Development funding was through a 1981 bond issue. Texas Parks & Wildlife funds were used for the 2001 pond renovation.

### **CASTLEGATE PARK**

**Location:** Corner of Castlegate Drive and Ravenstone Loop

**Zone:** 13

**Size:** 4.35 Acres

**Classification:** Neighborhood Park

**Date Acquired:** 2001

**Purchase Price:** Parkland Dedication

**Park Description:** This park in the Castlegate Subdivision is approximately 50% wooded and 50% open. Development includes 2 tennis courts, basketball court, playground, and a picnic shelter. Sidewalks border the park on all 4 sides. The developer funded the development of this park.

### **CEMETERY**

**Location:** 2530 Texas Avenue South, between Southwest Parkway and FM 2818

**Zone:** 6

**SIZE:** 18.5 Acres

**Classification:** City Cemetery and Historic Site



**Date Acquired:** 1947

**Purchase Price:** \$10,000.00

**Description:** The College Station Cemetery was created in 1947 from 31 acres bought near the Shiloh community, approximately two miles south of Texas A&M on Highway 6. That tract surrounded an existing four-acre cemetery, which had been deeded to the Methodist Church in 1870 by W.G. and Josephine Rector. The A&M Methodist Church, in 1947, turned over those four acres to College Station to be incorporated into the city cemetery. In 1973, the cemetery was decreased in size when the city decided to designate 18 of the acres for the creation of Bee Creek Park. In 1992, landscape improvements were added to the entrance and the fountain area was renovated.

### **CENTRAL PARK**

**Location:** 1000 Krenek Tap Road, off Highway 6 Bypass

**Zone:** 3

**Size:** 47.20 Acres

**Classification:** Community Park

**Date Acquired:** 1978

**Purchase Price:** \$353,536.14

**Park Description:** Developed in 1979 as College Station's largest park, Central was unique in that it offered the widest variety of recreational opportunities of any park in the city at the time. The natural setting, originally the Arnold family farm, includes a two-acre pond and ten acres of dense woods. A second pond was developed in 1983. Other facilities include four lighted softball fields, concession stand, three adult soccer fields with shelter and rest rooms, two lighted tennis courts, sand volleyball court, basketball court, fishing pier, nature trails, and parking for 297 cars. The Parks and Recreation Department office is also located here, along with the East District Maintenance and Forestry Division shops. Partial funding for this park was provided by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, in the amount of \$296,138.00.

### **CONFERENCE CENTER**

**Location:** 1300 George Bush Drive and Holik

**Zone:** 6

**Size:** 2.3 Acres

**Classification:** Conference Center

**Date Acquired:** 1980

**Purchase Price:** Land Trade with College Station Independent School District

**Description:** Originally built in 1949 as a high school, the renovated Conference Center opened to the public in June 1982. The center is available for rental to individuals or groups, with a kitchen and eight rooms in various sizes accommodating from 10 - 400 people. Rates and fees vary according to the type of group utilizing the facility. The center is ideal for receptions, dances, parties, and exhibits, as well as non-commercial, commercial, or political meetings. The Conference Center is funded by the College Station hotel/motel tax, which collects tax on rooms rented in local establishments in College Station. The Parks Annex is located in an adjacent building.

### **CY MILLER PARK**

**Location:** 2615 Texas Avenue, and King Cole  
Drive at the Police Station

**Zone:** 3

**Size:** 2.5 Acres

**Classification:** Mini Park



*"Service With Honor"  
J. Payne Lara*

**Date Acquired:** 1976

**Purchase Price:** Land trade with Clarence Miller

**Park Description:** The Chamber of Commerce occupied this site in 1976, and the pond was used as a picnic area and a gathering spot for people to fish and watch the ducks. When the Chamber of

Commerce moved in 1984, the City of College Station used the property for the development of a new police station. In the process, over half of the pond had to be filled in for a new parking lot. In 1987, the remaining pond was renovated and an aerator added. A 1/3-mile-jogging trail, shelter, and two fishing piers were also added to give this park a pleasant and enjoyable atmosphere to play and relax in. Cy Miller Park was dedicated on April 16, 1988, to Clarence Ivan Miller, the previous owner of the site. In 2002, the sculpture "Service With Honor" by artist Payne Lara, was installed at the Police Station nearby.

### **EASTGATE PARK**

**Location:** 902 Foster Street and Walton Drive

**Zone:** 2

**Size:** 1.8 Acres

**Classification:** Mini Park

**Date Acquired:** 1938

**Purchase Price:** Donation

**Park Description:** Eastgate Park consists of four separate parcels of land. Two are at the corner of Foster Street and Walton Drive. The other two are open-landscaped islands at Walton Drive and Texas Avenue. This park land was donated at the time College Hills Estates Subdivision was being developed. The two islands at Walton and Texas were improved with planters, etc. as part of the Texas Avenue widening project.

The two islands at Walton Drive and Texas Avenue were improved with planters and landscaping as part of the Texas Avenue widening project in 1998. In 1998, pier improvements at the pond were paid for with Texas Parks and Wildlife Department funds. The sculpture, "Eternal Winds" was installed in 2000 in the median at Walton Drive and Texas Avenue, as a permanent fixture in the park. The abstract sculpture was designed and created by artist Dr. Joe Smith from Caldwell, Texas.

*"Eternal Winds"  
Joe Smith*



### **EDELWEISS GARTENS PARK SITE**

**Location:** South of Graham Road and west of Victoria Street

**Zone:** 10

**Size:** 7.74 Acres

**Classification:** Neighborhood Park

**Date Acquired:** 2001

**Purchase Price:** Park Land Dedication

**Park Description:** This park is approximately 60% wooded with a tributary of Lick Creek traversing west to east. The land is fairly flat except for the area near the creek. This site is currently undeveloped.

### **EDELWEISS PARK**

**Location:** Victoria Avenue, in Edelweiss Estates Subdivision

**Zone:** 5

**Size:** 12.3 Acres

**Classification:** Neighborhood Park

**Date Acquired:** 1996

**Purchase Price:** Park Land Dedication

**Park Description:** Most of this park land is a floodwater retention area, but will be used as practice soccer fields and an open play area. Site improvements carried out in 1998 included grading, seeding, planting of trees, and installation of an irrigation system for \$25,000. Other site improvements completed in 1999 included a playground, shelter with picnic tables, 1/2 basketball court and extra walkways.

### **EMERALD FOREST PARK**

**Location:** 8400 Appomattox, off Emerald Forest Parkway

**Zone:** 4

**Size:** 4.59 Acres

**Classification:** Neighborhood Park

**Date Acquired:** 1986

**Purchase Price:** Park Land Dedication

**Park Description:** Emerald Forest is one of the most beautiful native plant sites in the City of College Station park system. The 4-1/2 acre site is heavily wooded and bordered on the north side by Bee Creek. The park has a playground, a lighted half basketball court, picnic tables, 1/3 mile jogging trail, and some area lighting. The design of the park was guided with the intent of preserving the native vegetation with minimal disturbance to the site.

### **GABBARD PARK**

**Location:** 1201 Dexter Drive South and Haines

**Zone:** 6

**Size:** 10.70 Acres

**Classification:** Neighborhood Park

**Date Acquired:** 1978

**Purchase Price:** \$187,802.67

**Park Description:** As a neighborhood park, Gabbard Park has proven to be one of the most popular parks in town. Purchased as a result of interest by neighborhood residents, Gabbard received substantial public input during the planning stages. Prior to construction, a Texas A&M professor was consulted to determine recommendations for renovation of the pond. Recreational features include a playground, fishing piers, shelter, 1/3 mile jogging trail, and practice softball fields. Development funding was through the 1981 bond issue. The park is named in honor of Letcher P. Gabbard for his service to the community, Gabbard was head of the Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology at Texas A&M University from 1922-1940.

### **GEORGIE K. FITCH PARK**

**Location:** 1100 Balcones, between Rio Grande and Welsh

**Zone:** 5

**Size:** 11.3 Acres

**Classification:** Neighborhood Park

**Date Acquired:** 1977

**Purchase Price:** Donation

**Park Description:** This park's recreational features include a lighted basketball court, practice softball fields with backstops, picnic units, shelter, playground, open play areas, and nature trails. Fitch Park is dedicated to Georgie K. Fitch in honor of her dedication to her family.

### **HENSEL PARK (TAMU)**

**Location:** South College

**Zone:** 1

**Size:** 29.7 Acres

**Classification:** Community Park

**Date Acquired:** 1958

**Purchase Price:** Not Applicable

**Park Description:** Hensel Park is part of the Texas A&M University system, and is designed primarily for the students of the University. In 1986, the City of College Station installed a playground and a fitness center. The park includes three pavilions, picnic units, playground, restrooms, jogging trails, volleyball court, fitness court, softball field, parking for 70 cars, and an open play area. The City of College Station provides limited development funds through the Park Land Dedication Ordinance and an agreement with Texas A&M University. The pavilions for this park can be rented through the Texas A&M Recreation, Parks & Tourism Department at (979) 845-1626.

### **JACK & DOROTHY MILLER PARK**

**Location:** 501 Rock Prairie Road, at Rock Prairie Elementary School

**Zone:** 5

**Size:** 10 Acres

**Classification:** Neighborhood Park

**Date Acquired:** 1988

**Purchase Price:** Park Land Dedication - 5.0 Acres; Purchase Price for 5.0 Acres - \$75,000.00

**Park Description:** This park, formerly known as Westchester Park, was the first joint-use project for the College Station Independent School District and the City of College Station. The cooperative effort between the two entities led to the design and implementation of a facility that would serve a dual purpose. During school hours the park functions as a school playground and playing fields; the remainder of the time, as a regular city park for use by the general public. The park has two playgrounds, shelter, basketball court, 1/3 mile jogging track with fitness court, picnic tables, and practice fields for baseball and soccer. Future improvements will be implemented as the area around the school and park develops. The College Station Independent School provided partial funding for the development of the park, in the amount of \$75,000.00. The park was renamed in honor of Jack and Dorothy Miller in 1994 for their dedication to the community. Iron fencing was added in 1997.

### **LEMONTREE PARK**

**Location:** 1300 Lemontree, off Anderson

**Zone:** 6

**Size:** 15.40 Acres

**Classification:** Neighborhood Park

**Date Acquired:** 1976, 1978

**Purchase Price:** Park Land Dedication

**Park Description:** Recreational features in this park include a half basketball court, girl's lighted softball fields, 3/4 mile concrete jogging exercise trail, playground, open play area, picnic units, pedestrian bridge, and a 30-car parking lot. A nature trail stretches from Southwest Parkway, through the park, to the corner of Holik and Anderson Street.

### **LICK CREEK PARK**

**Location:** East Rock Prairie Road, off Highway 6 South and Green's Prairie Road

**Zone:** 11

**Size:** 515.50 Acres

**Classification:** Regional Nature Park

**Date Acquired:** 1987

**Purchase Price:** Land Trade

**Park Description:** This undeveloped park was established as part of land negotiations to establish a city industrial park. The site has a variety of plant and animal species indigenous to this area. The park



currently offers several miles of trails and provides an excellent opportunity for hiking and nature study. Funding from the 1998 Bond Election in the amount of \$458,000 will be available in 2002.

**LINCOLN RECREATION CENTER** (*See W.A. Tarrow Park*)

**LIONS PARK**

**Location:** 501 Chappel, off University Drive and Peyton

**Zone:** 2

**Size:** 1.50 Acres

**Classification:** Mini Park

**Date Acquired:** 1967

**Purchase Price:** Donation

**Park Description:** Lions Park includes a half basketball court, playground, picnic units, and parking for ten cars. An iron fence, walkway, area lighting, and landscaping were added in 1990. The park was supplemented with sidewalks, new play equipment, a drinking fountain, and fencing in 1994.

**LONGMIRE PARK**

**Location:** 2600 Longmire, between FM 2818 and Deacon

**Zone:** 5

**Size:** 4.16 Acres

**Classification:** Neighborhood Park

**Date Acquired:** 1977

**Purchase Price:** Park Land Dedication

**Park Description:** This beautiful wooded park contains picnic units and nature trails.

**LUTHER JONES PARK**

**Location:** 501 Park Place, bordered by Fairview, Luther, Montclair, and Park Place Streets

**Zone:** 6

**Size:** 1.80 Acres

**Classification:** Mini Park

**Date Acquired:** 1964

**Purchase Price:** Donation

**Park Description:** Luther Jones Park, formerly known as Fairview Park, encompasses a small city block and includes one youth softball practice field and an open play area. Live Oak trees line a portion of the park perimeter. The park was renamed in 1996 for Luther Goodrich Jones. Mr. Jones, a member of the Texas A&M faculty from 1919 until 1951, was on the first City Council and was secretary of the school board from 1941-46. He was also very active in youth programs, and in 1964 donated the land for this park.

**MERRY OAKS PARK**

**Location:** 1401 Merry Oaks, off University Oaks

**Zone:** 2

**Size:** 4.60 Acres

**Classification:** Neighborhood Park

**Date Acquired:** 1972

**Purchase Price:** Park Land Dedication

**Park Description:** Merry Oaks Park features an open play area, playground, nature trails, picnic units, basketball court, and 1/3 mile jogging trail.

### **OAKS PARK**

**Location:** 1601 Stallings, off Harvey Road

**Zone:** 2

**Size:** 7.50 Acres

**Classification:** Neighborhood Park

**Date Acquired:** 1970

**Purchase Price:** Park Land Dedication

**Park Description:** Oaks Park features a pavilion with a barbecue pit, rest rooms, and an attached deck area. A wooden pedestrian bridge links the pavilion to a lighted basketball court. Bridges and picnic units are scattered throughout the park. Partial funding for this park was provided by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Project No. 48-00567, in the amount of \$91,252.00. In 1994-95, renovations were made to include replacement of one of the bridges, installation of a handicap-accessible playground, sidewalks, and sand volleyball court.

### **PARKWAY PARK**

**Location:** 901 Munson and Woodland Parkway

**Zone:** 2

**Size:** 1.90 Acres

**Classification:** Mini Park

**Date Acquired:** 1939

**Purchase Price:** Donation

**Park Description:** Located in a floodplain area, Parkway Park's primary use is to alleviate flooding in the surrounding neighborhood. The park contains a playground, open play area, a picnic table, and parking for six cars.

### **PEBBLE CREEK PARK**

**Location:** 401 Parkview Street at Pebble Creek Elementary

**Zone:** 11

**Size:** 10.20 Acres

**Classification:** Neighborhood Park

**Date Acquired:** 1994

**Purchase Price:** Park Land Dedication - 4.2 Acres; CSISD Property - 6.0 Acres

**Park Description:** Pebble Creek Park, like Jack and Dorothy Miller Park, is a joint-use project between the City of College Station and the College Station Independent School District. The park has two playgrounds, basketball court, 1/2 mile of walking trails, 1/4 mile lighted jogging trail with rubber cushion surfacing, baseball backstops, practice soccer fields, and picnic shelters.

### **RAINTREE PARK**

**Location:** 2505 Raintree Drive, off Highway 6 Bypass

**Zone:** 4

**Size:** 13.00 Acres

**Classification:** Neighborhood Park

**Date Acquired:** 1978, 1982

**Purchase Price:** Park Land Dedication and Donation

**Park Description:** Designed to complement the surrounding neighborhood, Raintree Park provides a good



example of park planning that integrates urban park facilities with a natural low-land ecosystem. This park boasts many natural amenities such as Wolf Pen Creek, sharp slopes, and 50' water oaks. Developed facilities include a playground, shelter, picnic units, and a seating area with benches.

Development funding was through the 1981 bond issue. Renovations in 1992 added a volleyball court and concrete trails for walking or jogging. A new swing set and playground were installed in 2001.

### **RICHARD CARTER PARK**

**Location:** 1800 Brazoswood, off Highway 6 Bypass

**Zone:** 2

**Size:** 7.14 Acres

**Classification:** Neighborhood Park & Historic Site

**Date Acquired:** 1983

**Purchase Price:** Park Land Dedication



*Richard Carter Park  
Sculpture  
Albert Pedulla*

**Park Description:** Richard Carter Park is College Station's only historically significant park. It is the site of the Richard Carter homestead. Carter was College Station's earliest settler, arriving from Alabama in 1831. His original land grant of one league (4,428 acres) from the Mexican government covers most of what is College Station today. Development in the park includes an interpretive center with displays about Richard Carter and the reconstruction of the original water well. There is also an open play area and a discovery garden area featuring decks, seating, indigenous plants, a historical marker, and a bronze statue by Albert Pedulla. The sculpture was installed in 1986 and symbolizes the staking of the claim by Richard Carter, which resulted in the settlement of College Station and the Brazos Valley. The development of this park was an officially sanctioned Texas Sesquicentennial Project. In 1991, the graves of Richard Carter, his wife, and family members were moved from an adjacent site to the park itself. Improvements completed in 1998 included the addition of lights.

### **SANDSTONE PARK**

**Location:** 1700 Sebesta, off Highway 6 Bypass

**Zone:** 4

**Size:** 15.21 Acres

**Classification:** Neighborhood Park

**Date Acquired:** 1983

**Purchase Price:** \$251,040.00

**Park Description:** Sandstone Park originally provided soccer and baseball practice fields for residents on the east side of the Highway 6 Bypass. Renovations in 1996 added a shelter, handicap-accessible playground, 1/3 mile jogging/walking trail, one full basketball court, and parking for 50 cars. A unique "Trees For Life" campaign provided 166 trees to landscape the park. Funding of the trees and their irrigation was supplemented with a federal grant in the amount of \$18,000.

### **SHENANDOAH PARK SITE**

**Location:** Southern Plantation Drive in the Shenandoah Subdivision

**Zone:** 10

**Size:** 12.10 Acres

**Classification:** Neighborhood Park

**Date Acquired:** 1999, 2001

**Purchase Price:** Park Land Dedication, 8.1 Acres in 1999 & 4 Acres in 2001

**Park Description:** This park is located on the south side of Southern Plantation Drive, and east of the proposed Alexandria Drive extension. The park is partially wooded and although currently undeveloped, it will have a detention pond area.

### **SOUTHEAST COMMUNITY PARK SITE**

**Location:** East Rock Prairie Road, next to BVSWMMA Landfill

**Zone:** 9

**Size:** 62 Acres

**Classification:** Community Park

**Date Acquired:** 2001

**Purchase Price:** \$589,126

**Park Description:** Currently undeveloped, Southeast Community Park is mostly open with flat terrain. There is a wooded area along Lick Creek that travels through the south end of the park.

### **SOUTHWEST PARK SITE**

**Location:** Off Southwest Parkway, between Wellborn and Welsh

**Zone:** 6

**Size:** 4.78 Acres

**Classification:** Neighborhood Park

**Date Acquired:** 1982

**Purchase Price:** Park Land Dedication

**Park Description:** Off of Southwest Parkway between Wellborn Road and Welsh, this park is a mostly flat, heavily wooded site. This park is currently undeveloped, and at the present time there are no plans for future development due to the location of the park and funding limitations.

### **SOUTHWOOD ATHLETIC PARK**

**Location:** 1600 Rock Prairie Road, off Highway 6 Bypass

**Zone:** 5

**Size:** 44.7 Acres

**Classification:** Community Park

**Date Acquired:** 1980

**Purchase Price:** \$267,900.00

**Park Description:** Southwood Athletic Park is College Station's first community park devoted almost exclusively to athletics. Designed by the staff in response to articulated community needs, the park facilities consist of four Little League, lighted baseball fields, two Senior League, lighted baseball fields, two adult lighted soccer fields, three youth soccer fields, two concession buildings, four lighted tennis courts, two lighted basketball courts, and parking for 545 cars. The 75' Cindy Hallaran Pool and bath house, the "Exit" Teen Center, and a picnic pavilion with barbecue pit, kitchen, restroom facilities, playground, horseshoes, and a volleyball court are also located here. Funding for this project was through the 1981 bond issue along with a matching grant from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Project No. 48-008-69, in the amount of \$842,750.00.

### **STEEPLECHASE PARK SITE**

**Location:** North side of Westridge Drive, in the Steeplechase Subdivision

**Zone:** 5

**Size:** 9.00 Acres

**Classification:** Neighborhood Park

**Date Acquired:** 1999

**Purchase Price:** Park Land Dedication

**Park Description:** The park is mostly wooded with a tributary of Bee Creek traversing the northern portion of the park. This park is currently undeveloped.

### **THOMAS PARK**

**Location:** 1300 James Parkway, off Francis and Puryear

**Zone:** 2

**Size:** 16.10 Acres

**Classification:** Community Park

**Date Acquired:** 1938

**Purchase Price:** Donation

**Park Description:** Thomas Park, although smaller than typical community parks, serves in that capacity by virtue of the fact that it is the largest park in its respective park zone. Thomas is also one of the oldest parks in College Station. Facilities include a 25 meter swimming pool with bathhouse, two lighted tennis courts, two basketball courts, picnic units, two playgrounds, two soccer fields, a lighted jogging track (1/3 mile), and parking for 27 cars. A picnic pavilion with tables and barbecue pit is available for rent. Partial funding for this park was provided by matching funds from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Project No. 48-00-567, in the amount of \$184,500.00, and Project No. 48-00-764, in the amount of \$75,750.00. Thomas Park is dedicated to Mable Clare Thomas for the work she did for the community. Over 1/2 mile of sidewalks were added in 1997.

### **UNIVERSITY PARK SITE**

**Location:** Autumn Circle, off University Drive and Spring Loop

**Zone:** 2

**Size:** 10.20 Acres

**Classification:** Neighborhood Park

**Date Acquired:** 1982

**Purchase Price:** Park Land Dedication

**Park Description:** This is an open park with a few trees, gently sloping towards a creek. This park is currently undeveloped, and at the present time there are no plans for future development due to the location of the park and funding limitations.

### **VETERANS PARK & ATHLETIC COMPLEX**

**Location:** 3101 Harvey Road

**Zone:** 2

**Size:** 150.0 Acres

**Classification:** Regional Athletic Park

**Date Acquired:** 1999

**Purchase Price:** \$1,500,000

**Park Description:** This is an open, fairly level park with a few wooded areas near the southeast and southwest corners. Future development of the park will be done in several phases and will include softball and soccer fields, parking, trails, pavilion, and concession/restroom building. Phase 1 development in 2002 includes 2 lighted softball fields, 6 soccer fields (2 lighted), parking lots, entry road, maintenance shop, restroom building, trees and irrigation. Twelve acres of this land will be designated as the Brazos Valley Veterans Memorial and will encompass a memorial sculpture and a plaza. The sculpture was designed by Robert Eccleston. The memorial, dedicated on Veteran's Day 2002, is dedicated to all veterans who have served in all U.S. wars.



*Veterans Memorial  
Robert Eccleston*

### **W.A. TARROW PARK**

**Location:** 107 Holleman Dr.

**Zone:** 6

**Size:** 21.26 Acres (includes old Wayne Smith Park at 2.46 Acres, Lincoln Recreation Center at 8.2 Acres)

and Wayne Smith Baseball Fields at 10.8 Acres)

**Classification:** Community Park

**Date Acquired:** 1954, old Wayne Smith Park; 1978, Lincoln Center; 1994-1997, Wayne Smith Baseball Fields

**Purchase Price:** \$1,900.00, old Wayne Smith Park; \$80,000, Lincoln Center; \$316,800, Wayne Smith Baseball Fields

**Park Description:** In 1998 the Lincoln/Wayne Smith Corridor was renamed W.A. Tarrow Park in honor of W.A. Tarrow, a principal of Lincoln High School. This park is composed of Wayne Smith Park, Lincoln Recreation Center, and Wayne Smith Baseball Fields. The 2.46-acre site of old Wayne Smith Park, purchased for \$1,900 in 1954, was originally designed as a Little League field with bleachers. In 1987, the Parks and Recreation Department completely renovated the park to include a playground, benches, picnic units, and a full, lighted basketball court. Renovations to the park in 1994 connected Lincoln Center with Wayne Smith Park.

Lincoln Recreation Center, acquired by the City of College Station in 1978 for \$80,000, was originally constructed as the A&M Consolidated Negro School. Lincoln Center has been utilized at one time or another, as a neighborhood center, recreation center, senior citizen's center, maintenance shop, and also served as the former headquarters for the College Station Parks and Recreation Department. The center now provides a variety of recreational and social services to the citizens of College Station, as well as an indoor gymnasium, 1/3 mile lighted jogging trail, and a playground.

The Wayne Smith Youth Baseball fields, adjacent to the Lincoln Recreation Center, were formerly a residential area, with much of the land cleared in 1994. Between 1994-97, the city acquired all of the properties for \$316,800 to form one park. These fields are dedicated to Mr. Smith for his foresight and efforts in establishing the first Little League fields in College Station. Construction was completed in January of 1999.

### **WESTFIELD PARK SITE**

**Location:** South end of Westfield Drive, south of Graham Road

**Zone:** 10

**Size:** 4.29 Acres

**Classification:** Neighborhood Park

**Date Acquired:** 2000

**Purchase Price:** Park Land Dedication

**Park Description:** This heavily wooded site is situated along a portion of Lick Creek in the Westfield subdivision. This park is currently undeveloped.

### **WINDWOOD PARK**

**Location:** 2650 Brookway Court, off Appomattox

**Zone:** 4

**Size:** 1.37 Acres

**Classification:** Mini Park

**Date Acquired:** 1984

**Purchase Price:** Park Land Dedication

**Park Description:** Windwood Park features a playground, shelter, picnic unit, seating areas, decorative paving, and an open play area. The design has been adapted to the heavily wooded site in order to preserve as much vegetation as possible.

### **WOLF PEN CREEK PARK & AMPHITHEATER**

**Location:** 1015 Colgate Street, off Holleman and Dartmouth

**Zone:** 3

**Size:** 19.49 Acres

**Classification:** Community Park

**Date Acquired:** 1977, 1991

**Purchase Price:** Existing Park Land - 7.69 Acres; Purchase Price for 1.59 Acres - \$19,235.77, and 5.04 Acres for \$125,000.00

**Park Description:** Wolf Pen Creek Park and Amphitheater was developed as the first phase according to the Wolf Pen Creek Corridor Master Plan. This plan was approved by the College Station City Council in 1988. The goal of the comprehensive plan was to recognize the interrelationships of drainage, erosion control, and recreation along Wolf Pen Creek, as well as to create a community attraction for residents and out-of-town guests. The park offers a variety of outdoor recreation experiences for all ages including walking, fishing, picnicking, and playground activities. The Wolf Pen Creek Amphitheater offers a wide array of entertainment with outdoor concerts, plays, and festivals. It may also be rented for private parties. The Texas Parks & Wildlife Department, Project No. 20-00328, in the amount of \$500,000.00, and the Nina Heard Astin Trust, in the amount of \$100,000.00 provided partial funding for this project. In 2001, a family of bronze wolves found a permanent home in the park. "Wilderness Awakened", located on the Holleman Drive side of the park, was designed by artist Payne Lara, who also designed the sculpture located at the College Station Police Department.



*"Wilderness Awakened"  
J. Payne Lara*

### **WOODCREEK PARK**

**Location:** 9100 Shadowcrest Drive, off Highway 6 Bypass

**Zone:** 4

**Size:** 6.6 Acres

**Classification:** Neighborhood Park

**Date Acquired:** 1981

**Purchase Price:** Park Land Dedication

**Park Description:** Woodcreek Park is a heavily wooded park with a small creek meandering through it. The design of the park retained much of the natural wooded areas, allowing nearby residents the opportunity to enjoy this beauty. The park has a playground, picnic units, a one-third mile jogging trail, nature trails, a lighted half basketball court, a lighted volleyball court, and two bridges.

### **WOODLAND HILLS PARK SITE**

**Location:** Pebble Ridge Drive, north of Greens Prairie Road

**Zone:** 9

**Size:** 3.21 Acres

**Classification:** Neighborhood Park

**Date Acquired:** 2001

**Purchase Price:** Park Land Dedication

**Park Description:** This park, located in the future Pebble Hills Estates subdivision is the first neighborhood park in Park Zone 9. Currently undeveloped, it is partially wooded (approximately 35%) and flat. There is also greenway land adjacent to the park.

### **WOODWAY PARK SITE**

**Location:** Holleman at Jones-Butler Road

**Zone:** 7

**Size:** 9.26 Acres

**Classification:** Neighborhood Park

**Date Acquired:** 1982, 1992, 1997

**Purchase Price:** 2.0 Acres, Park Land Dedication  
2.2 Acres, Purchase Price for \$36,000.00  
5.06 Acres, Park Land Dedication

**Park Description:** The original two acres of Woodway Park, which were acquired in 1982 through Park Land Dedication, are semi-wooded. Two more acres, purchased in 1992 for \$36,000.00, consist of flat, open land fronting on Holleman. More tracts (5.06 acres) were purchased in 1997 as Park Land Dedication, bringing the total acreage to 9.26. This park is currently undeveloped.



*College Station has a population that is much younger than the state average. 53.5% of the residents are 15 to 24 years old. This has a dramatic effect on the demand for recreation facilities in our community. Many new parks and facilities will be needed to meet this demand in the future.*